



Don't Fence Me In?

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“The Biden administration on Thursday said it would expand former President Donald Trump’s wall,” [informs](#) *The Gray Lady*, with a stiff upper lip.

And do it lickety-split: “Biden criticized for waiving 26 laws in Texas to allow border wall construction,” the UK *Guardian* headlines its [report](#).

In fiscal 2023, government data shows 245,000 people entered the United States from this Rio Grande Valley sector.

“There is presently an *acute and immediate* need to construct physical barriers and roads in the vicinity of the border of the United States in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States in the project areas,” Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas stated in the federal registry.

“Well, Mexico didn’t pay for the wall,” quipped the American Economic Liberties Project’s Matt Stoller, “Biden did.”

“There will not be another foot of wall constructed in my administration,” the president had promised to the contrary during the 2020 campaign. Now Sleepy Joe’s administration has so awakened to the need for action on immigration that it argues for fencing off the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Endangered Species Act from getting in the way . . .

. . . of building that wall.

Fast!

The New York Times notes “intensifying” complaints coming from “Democratic leaders in New York, Chicago and elsewhere who say the influx is overwhelming their ability to house and feed the migrants.”

Want a *nimble* response to the border crisis?

Instead, we see a *NIMBY* response — from big-city politicians, as the buses arrive from down south.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.